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MJJUNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

15 CITY OF WESTLAND POLICE AND FIRE) Case No. 07 5111
16 RETIREMENT SYSTEM, On Behalf of Itself)
17 and All Others Similarly Situated,) CLASS ACTION
18 vs.) COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE
19 SONIC SOLUTIONS, DAVID C. HABIGER,) FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS
20 ROBERT J. DORIS, A. CLAY LEIGHTON,)
21 MARY C. SAUER and MARK ELY,)
22 Defendants.) DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW OF THE ACTION

2 1. This is a securities class action on behalf of all persons who purchased the common
3 stock of Sonic Solutions (“Sonic” or the “Company”) between October 4, 2002 and May 17, 2007
4 (the “Class Period”), against certain of Sonic’s top officers and directors for violations of the federal
5 securities laws. This action arises out of defendants’ false statements about Sonic’s earnings and
6 their concealment of the backdating of stock option grants to and for the benefit of Sonic’s directors
7 and top executive officers, including its President and Chief Executive Officer, David C. Habiger,
8 Chairman, Robert J. Doris, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President, A. Clay Leighton,
9 director and Secretary, Mary C. Sauer, and Executive Vice President, Mark Ely.

10 2. Sonic develops and markets computer software related to digital media, such as data,
11 photographs, audio and video in digital formats. Prior to the Class Period, Sonic had manipulated its
12 stock option accounting which caused its SEC filings made during the Class Period to be false. Also
13 during the Class Period, defendants made false statements about Sonic's business and prospects.

14 3. Stock option grants give recipients a right to buy company stock at a set price, called
15 the exercise price or strike price. The right usually does not vest for a year or more, but then it
16 continues for several years. The exercise price is usually the stock's closing price on the date of
17 grant. Obviously, the lower the exercise price, the more money the recipient can potentially make
18 some day by exercising the options.

19 4. Defendants' conduct has unjustly enriched Sonic's top executives and misled its
20 public shareholders. This conduct also caused Sonic to falsely report its financial results prior to and
21 during the Class Period. A key purpose of stock options is to give recipients an incentive to improve
22 their employer's performance, including its stock price. Backdating them so they carry a lower price
23 runs counter to this goal, giving the recipient a paper gain right from the start. Additionally, due to
24 defendants' conduct, Sonic has been exposed to a costly investigation by the U.S. Securities and
25 Exchange Commission ("SEC"), as well as costly internal investigations into Sonic's compliance
26 with the federal securities laws and accounting rules applicable to public companies. As *The Wall*
27 *Street Journal* explained:

1 Companies have a right to give executives lavish compensation if they choose
 2 to, but they can't mislead shareholders about it. Granting an option at a price below
 3 the current market value, while not illegal in itself, could result in false disclosure.
 4 That's because companies grant their options under a shareholder-approved "option
 5 plan" on file with the SEC. The plans typically say options will carry the stock price
 6 of the day the company awards them or the day before. *If it turns out they carry
 7 some other price, the company could be in violation of its options plan, and
 8 potentially vulnerable to an allegation of securities fraud.*

9 It could even face accounting issues. Options priced below the stock's fair
 10 value when they're awarded bring the recipient an instant paper gain. Under
 11 accounting rules, that's equivalent to extra pay and thus is a cost to the company. *A
 12 company that failed to include such a cost in its books may have overstated its
 13 profits, and might need to restate past financial results.*

14 5. During the Class Period, Sonic and its top officers made false and misleading
 15 statements about its business and prospects, all while concealing its false option practices, causing its
 16 stock to trade at artificially inflated levels.

17 6. On February 1, 2007, Sonic issued a press release entitled "Sonic Announces
 18 Voluntary Review of Stock Option Accounting." The press release stated in part:

19 Sonic Solutions, the world leader in digital media software, announced today
 20 that it has commenced a voluntary review of its historical and current stock option
 21 grant practices and related accounting. The review was initiated by management and
 22 is being conducted by the audit committee of the board of directors, comprised solely
 23 of independent directors, with the assistance of independent legal counsel. The audit
 24 committee and Company management have been discussing this ongoing review
 25 with the Company's independent auditors and have voluntarily informed the
 26 Securities and Exchange Commission of the review.

27 Based on the review to date, the audit committee and Company management
 28 have preliminarily concluded that, under applicable accounting guidance, the
 Company lacks sufficient documentation for certain historical option grants and that
 the measurement dates associated with these option grants may need to be adjusted.
 Based also on this review, the Company believes that its current options granting
 practices are generally acceptable and meet relevant standards for properly
 documenting grant dates.

29 The audit committee continues to analyze the impact of this issue, but
 30 believes it will result in significant non-cash charges. These charges will principally
 31 affect prior fiscal years, and the Company believes that the accounting adjustments
 32 will not have any impact on previously reported cash positions or revenues. The
 33 Company has not yet determined the amount or materiality of any such non-cash
 34 charges, any resulting cash charges associated with tax issues, or accounting or other
 35 consequences. Although the timeframe for completing the review is uncertain, the
 36 Company continues to be focused on completing this review in a timely manner.
 37 Based on the preliminary conclusions of the review, the audit committee and
 38 management believe that the Company will need to restate its previously issued
 39 financial statements in order to record additional non-cash charges for stock-based
 40 compensation expense. However, given that the audit committee review is still
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1 ongoing, the audit committee has not yet determined which years or periods will
 2 need to be restated.

3 Accordingly, the audit committee, after consultation with management and
 4 the Company's board of directors, determined that the Company's annual and interim
 5 financial statements should no longer be relied upon. Given these circumstances, the
 6 Company expects that it will not be in a position to file its Quarterly Report on Form
 7 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2006 in a timely manner. The Company
 8 plans to become current in its periodic reports required under the Securities
 9 Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as practicable following the completion
 10 of the audit committee's review and any required restatement of the Company's
 11 financial statements.

12 7. On February 15, 2007, Sonic issued selected financial results for its third quarter
 13 2006, in a release which stated in part:

14 Sonic Solutions today announced the following selected preliminary
 15 unaudited financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2006.

16 **Selected Preliminary Financial Results**

17 Net revenue for the quarter was \$39,120,000. Cost of revenue, excluding any
 18 stock based compensation costs, was \$8,838,000. Included in cost of revenue is
 19 \$1,236,000 of expense related to the amortization of acquired intangibles. Marketing
 20 and sales expenses, excluding any stock based compensation costs, were \$8,003,000.
 21 Research and development expenses, excluding any stock based compensation costs,
 22 were \$10,875,000. General and administrative expenses, excluding any stock based
 23 compensation costs, were \$4,788,000. Sonic recorded a \$3,400,000 charge for
 24 acquired in-process research and development, on a preliminary basis, related to the
 25 November 2006 acquisition of System OK AB, a private Swedish software concern.
 26 Other income (net of other expenses) was \$311,000. For the quarter ended December
 27 31, 2006, the number of shares outstanding on a fully diluted basis was
 28 approximately 27,500,000.

29 As of December 31, 2006, Sonic had cash and cash equivalents of
 30 \$22,543,000 and short term investments of \$33,450,000. Bank debt at December 31,
 31 2006 was \$20,000,000. During the quarter and as part of the acquisition of System
 32 OK, Sonic paid \$7,920,000 to System OK's shareholders.

33 **Guidance**

34 In addition, Sonic announced the following guidance:

35 For the fourth fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2007, management anticipates
 36 net revenue, on a GAAP basis, will be between \$37 million and \$41 million. Cost of
 37 revenue, as a percentage of net revenue and excluding expenses related to the
 38 amortization of intangibles and stock based compensation, is estimated to be 18%.
 39 Operating expenses, excluding stock based compensation and any costs associated
 40 with Sonic's options review, are estimated to be \$24 million. Other income (net of
 41 other expenses) is estimated to be \$350,000. The number of shares outstanding on a
 42 fully diluted basis is estimated to be 27.5 million.

43 For Sonic's Roxio Division, during fiscal year 2008, management expects net
 44 revenue in the bricks and mortar retail business channel to be roughly flat compared

1 to fiscal 2007, OEM business channel net revenue to grow by 10-15%, and direct
 2 online sales growth of more than 25%. Sonic's management further expects
 3 Advanced Technology Group revenues to grow by more than 25% over fiscal 2007.
 4 Sonic will forecast relatively flat revenue for its Professional Products Group until
 5 the Company sees clear evidence of Hollywood's commitment to volume title
 6 production in high-definition formats.

7 **Options Review**

8 The Company's selected preliminary results and guidance may be adjusted as
 9 a result of possible restatement of historical results. As previously announced on
 10 February 1, 2007, Sonic has commenced a voluntary review of its historical and
 11 current stock option grant practices and related accounting. Based on the review, the
 12 audit committee and Sonic management have preliminarily concluded that, under
 13 applicable accounting guidance, Sonic lacks sufficient documentation for certain
 14 historical option grants and that the measurement dates associated with these option
 15 grants will need to be adjusted. Further, as previously announced, the audit
 16 committee, after consultation with management and the Company's board of
 17 directors, has determined that the Company's annual and interim financial statements
 18 may no longer be relied upon.

19 *Sonic believes it will have to record additional non-cash charges for stock-
 20 based compensation expense and restate previous financial statements, and that
 21 such charges will be material.* Sonic is not yet able to determine the amount of such
 22 charges or the resulting tax and accounting impact of these actions. Sonic intends to
 23 file its restated financial results and related periodic reports as quickly as possible.

24 8. Then, on May 17, 2007, after the market closed, Sonic issued selected financial
 25 results for its fourth quarter 2007, in a press release stating in part:

26 Sonic Solutions today announced the following selected preliminary unaudited
 27 financial results for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2007.

28 **Selected Preliminary Financial Results**

29 Net revenue for the quarter was \$38.1 million. Cost of revenue, excluding any
 30 stock-based compensation costs, was \$9.0 million. Included in cost of revenue is \$1.4
 31 million of expense related to the amortization of acquired intangibles. Marketing and
 32 sales expenses, excluding any stock-based compensation costs, were \$8.6 million.
 33 Research and development expenses, excluding any stock-based compensation costs,
 34 were \$11.7 million. General and administrative expenses, excluding any stock-based
 35 compensation costs, were \$4.9 million, of which \$0.6 million represented legal and
 36 professional expenses associated with the stock option review. Other income (net of
 37 other expenses) was \$0.2 million. For the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the number
 38 of shares outstanding on a fully diluted basis was approximately 27.5 million.

39 As of March 31, 2007, Sonic had cash and cash equivalents of \$17.1 million
 40 and short term investments of \$47.3 million. Bank debt at March 31, 2007 was \$20.0
 41 million.

42 **Guidance**

43 For the first fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2007, the Company's management
 44 anticipates net revenue, on a GAAP basis, will be between \$33 million and \$35

1 million. Cost of revenue, as a percentage of net revenue and excluding expenses
 2 related to the amortization of intangibles and stock-based compensation, is estimated
 3 to be 19%. Operating expenses, excluding stock-based compensation costs and any
 4 one-time charges associated with the Company's option review, are estimated to be
 5 \$25 million.

6 **Options Review**

7 The Company's selected preliminary results and guidance may be adjusted as
 8 a result of the expected restatement of historical results. As previously announced on
 9 February 1, 2007, Sonic has commenced a voluntary review of its historical and
 10 current stock option grant practices and related accounting. Based on the review, the
 11 audit committee and Sonic management have concluded that, under applicable
 12 accounting guidance, Sonic lacks sufficient documentation for certain historical
 13 option grants and that the measurement dates associated with these option grants will
 14 need to be adjusted. Further, as previously announced, the audit committee, after
 15 consultation with management and the Company's board of directors, has determined
 16 that the Company's annual and interim financial statements may no longer be relied
 17 upon.

18 Sonic believes it will have to record additional cash and non-cash charges for
 19 stock-based compensation expense and restate previous financial statements, and that
 20 such charges will be material. Sonic is not yet able to determine the amount of such
 21 charges or the resulting tax and accounting impact of these actions. Sonic intends to
 22 file its restated financial results and related periodic reports as quickly as possible.

23 9. On this news, Sonic's stock collapsed from \$13.37 per share to as low as \$11.76 per
 24 share on volume of 1.8 million shares. This drop continued a decline from \$18 per share which
 25 began in February 2007, when Sonic first disclosed its options problems.

26 10. In fact, during the Class Period, Sonic's public representations were materially false
 27 and misleading due to defendants' concealment of the following adverse facts:

28 (a) The Company for years had been manipulating stock option grant dates to
 29 benefit insiders, which caused the Company's proxy statements and Form 10-Qs and Form 10-Ks to
 30 be materially false and misleading; and

31 (b) Defendants' stock option practices would lead to government investigations,
 32 potential IRS penalties and earnings restatements.

33 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

34 11. The claims asserted in this Complaint arise under §§10(b), 14(a) and 20(a) of the
 35 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§78j(b), 78n(a) and 78t(a), and Rule
 36 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, 17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5. In connection with the acts, conduct and
 37 other wrongs complained of herein, defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and

1 instrumentalities of interstate commerce, the United States mail and the facilities of a national
2 securities market.

3 12. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under §27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C.
4 §78aa, as well as 28 U.S.C. §1331.

5 13. Venue is proper in this District under §27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §78aa, as
6 well as 28 U.S.C. §1391(b). Many of the acts challenged in this Complaint, including the
7 preparation and dissemination of materially false and misleading information, occurred in substantial
8 part in this District. Sonic is located in and conducts its business in this District. Further, certain
9 defendants conduct business in this District, and are citizens of California and/or reside in this
10 District.

THE PARTIES

12 14. Plaintiff City of Westland Police and Fire Retirement System purchased shares of
13 Sonic as described in the attached certification and has been damaged thereby.

14 15. Defendant Sonic is a California corporation with its executive offices and principal
15 place of business located at 101 Rowland Way, Novato, California 94945.

16 16. Defendant David C. Habiger (“Habiger”) has served as President and Chief Operating
17 Officer (“COO”) of Sonic since April 2005 and additionally as Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) of
18 the Company since September 2005. Habiger joined the Company in 1993 and served in a variety of
19 sales and management positions until his promotion in April 2005. Because of Habiger’s positions,
20 he knew the adverse non-public information about the business of Sonic, as well as its finances,
21 markets and present and future business prospects, via access to internal corporate documents,
22 conversations and connections with other corporate officers and employees, attendance at
23 management meetings and via reports and other information provided to him in connection
24 therewith. During the relevant period, Habiger participated in the issuance of false and misleading
25 statements, including the preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases and SEC filings.

26 17. Defendant Robert J. Doris (“Doris”) co-founded Sonic in 1986 and has served as the
27 Company’s Chairman of the Board and a director since its inception. Doris additionally served as
28 the Company’s President from its inception until April 2005, and its CEO from the Company’s

1 inception until September 2005. Because of Doris's positions, he knew the adverse non-public
 2 information about the business of Sonic, as well as its finances, markets and present and future
 3 business prospects, via access to internal corporate documents, conversations and connections with
 4 other corporate officers and employees, attendance at management and Board meetings and
 5 committees thereof and via reports and other information provided to him in connection therewith.
 6 During the relevant period, Doris participated in the issuance of false and misleading statements,
 7 including the preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases and SEC filings. As a
 8 member of the Board of Directors, Doris caused or permitted the backdated stock options described
 9 herein to be granted and personally benefited therefrom. Doris is or was married to defendant Mary
 10 C. Sauer. Notwithstanding his knowledge of material non-public information regarding the
 11 Company, defendant Doris sold (with Sauer) 1.03 million shares of Sonic stock for proceeds of over
 12 \$17.6 million during the Class Period.

13 18. Defendant A. Clay Leighton ("Leighton") has served as Chief Financial Officer
 14 ("CFO") of Sonic since January 1999, and additionally as Executive Vice President since September
 15 2006. Leighton joined the Company in 1993 as Vice President, Finance and was named Senior Vice
 16 President, Worldwide Sales and Finance from January 1999 until September 2006. Because of
 17 Leighton's positions, he knew the adverse non-public information about the business of Sonic, as
 18 well as its finances, markets and present and future business prospects, via access to internal
 19 corporate documents, conversations and connections with other corporate officers and employees,
 20 attendance at management meetings and via reports and other information provided to him in
 21 connection therewith. Defendant Leighton, by his specialized financial expertise, was in a unique
 22 position to understand the business of Sonic, as well as its finances, markets and present and future
 23 business prospects. During the relevant period, Leighton participated in the issuance of false and/or
 24 misleading statements, including the preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases and
 25 SEC filings. Notwithstanding his knowledge of material non-public information regarding the
 26 Company, defendant Leighton sold 301,000 shares of Sonic stock for proceeds of over \$4.7 million
 27 during the Class Period.

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1 19. Defendant Mary C. Sauer (“Sauer”) co-founded Sonic in 1986 and has served as a
2 director and Secretary since its inception. Sauer additionally served as Vice President of the
3 Company from 1986 to September 2005 and as Senior Vice President, Marketing and Sales from
4 February 1993 to September 2005. Because of Sauer’s positions, she knew the adverse non-public
5 information about the business of Sonic, as well as its finances, markets and present and future
6 business prospects, via access to internal corporate documents, conversations and connections with
7 other corporate officers and employees, attendance at management and Board meetings and
8 committees thereof and via reports and other information provided to her in connection therewith.
9 During the relevant period, Sauer participated in the issuance of false and/or misleading statements,
10 including the preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases and SEC filings. As a
11 member of the Board of Directors, Sauer caused or permitted the backdated stock options described
12 herein to be granted and personally benefited therefrom. Sauer is or was married to defendant Doris.
13 Based on her knowledge of material non-public information regarding the Company, defendant
14 Sauer sold (with defendant Doris) 1.03 million shares of Sonic stock for proceeds of \$17.6 million
15 during the Class Period.

16 20. Defendant Mark Ely (“Ely”) has served as Executive Vice President, Strategy of
17 Sonic since September 2006. Ely joined the Company in 1992, serving in various management roles
18 until his promotion to his current position in 2006. Because of Ely’s positions, he knew the adverse
19 non-public information about the business of Sonic, as well as its finances, markets and present and
20 future business prospects, via access to internal corporate documents, conversations and connections
21 with other corporate officers and employees, attendance at management meetings and via reports and
22 other information provided to him in connection therewith. During the relevant period, Ely
23 participated in the issuance of false and/or misleading statements, including the preparation of the
24 false and/or misleading press releases and SEC filings. Notwithstanding his knowledge of material
25 non-public information regarding the Company, defendant Ely sold 28,071 shares of Sonic stock for
26 proceeds of \$428,083 during the Class Period.

27 21. Defendants Habiger, Doris, Leighton, Sauer and Ely (the “Individual Defendants”),
28 because of their positions with the Company, possessed the power and authority to control the

1 contents of Sonic's quarterly reports, press releases and presentations to securities analysts, money
 2 and portfolio managers and institutional investors, *i.e.*, the market. They were provided with copies
 3 of the Company's reports and press releases alleged herein to be misleading prior to or shortly after
 4 their issuance and had the ability and opportunity to prevent their issuance or cause them to be
 5 corrected. Because of their positions as President, COO and CEO, Chairman, CFO and Executive
 6 Vice President, director and Secretary, and Executive Vice President, these defendants knew that the
 7 adverse facts specified herein had not been disclosed to and were being concealed from the public
 8 and that the positive representations being made were then materially false and misleading. The
 9 Individual Defendants are liable for the false statements pleaded herein at ¶¶38-42, 44, 46-50 and
 10 52-62.

FRAUDULENT SCHEME AND COURSE OF BUSINESS

12 22. Defendants are liable for: (i) making false statements; or (ii) failing to disclose
 13 adverse facts known to them about Sonic. Defendants' fraudulent scheme and course of business
 14 that operated as a fraud or deceit on purchasers of Sonic common stock was a success, as it: (i)
 15 deceived the investing public regarding Sonic's prospects and business; (ii) artificially inflated the
 16 price of Sonic's common stock; and (iii) caused plaintiff and other members of the Class to purchase
 17 Sonic common stock at inflated prices.

BACKGROUND

19 23. Sonic engages in the development and marketing of computer software related to
 20 digital media. The Company has three divisions: Professional Products, Roxio, and Advanced
 21 Technology. The Professional Products division offers professional-level hardware and software
 22 authoring solutions for creating packaged media releases in DVD-Video, DVD-ROM, HD DVD, and
 23 BD formats. This division's products include Scenarist Workgroup; SD-series and CineVision video
 24 and audio encoders; DVDid, DVDid Pro, and eDVD. This division also provides content
 25 development technology, products, and services that enable professional DVD-ROM publishers to
 26 create interactivity and seamless Internet connectivity for DVD-Video titles. The Roxio division
 27 offers various digital media software application products under the Roxio brand name. This
 28 division sells and markets its products through product bundling arrangements with original

1 equipment manufacturer suppliers of related products, as well as through its Web store and in retail
 2 channels. The Advanced Technology division develops, licenses, and supplies software and
 3 software components under the AuthorScript, CinePlayer and Roxio brand names to PC application
 4 and consumer electronics developers. The Company's products are used in creating digital audio
 5 and video titles; recording data files; editing video programs; playing DVD, HD DVD, and BD
 6 discs; managing digital media on a computer or consumer electronic device file system; editing and
 7 adjusting digital photographs and other images; and backing up the information contained on hard
 8 disks attached to computers and consumer electronic devices.

9 24. Since the early 2000s, Sonic, through the actions of its Board of Directors and its
 10 Compensation Committee, has granted stock options for the purchase of millions of shares of the
 11 Company's common stock to its top executives, including its CEO, defendant Habiger, Chairman,
 12 defendant Doris, CFO, defendant Leighton, director and Secretary, defendant Sauer, and Executive
 13 Vice President, defendant Ely.

14 25. In its public filings with the SEC, including in shareholder-approved stock option
 15 plans, Sonic represented that the exercise price of the Company's stock options would be not less
 16 than the fair market value of Sonic's common stock, measured by the publicly traded closing price
 17 for Sonic common stock on the day before the date of grant.

18 26. As described by Sonic's 2004 Proxy Statement, Sonic's 2004 Equity Compensation
 19 Plan also provides that the exercise price of stock options shall be 100% of the Fair Market Value,
 20 stating:

21 The term of any award granted under the 2004 Plan may not be for more than
 22 ten years (or five years in the case of an incentive stock option granted to any
 23 participant who owns stock representing more than 10% of the combined voting
 24 power of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company), excluding any
 25 period for which the participant has elected to defer the receipt of the shares or cash
 26 issuable pursuant to the award.

27 The 2004 Plan authorizes the Administrator to grant incentive stock options
 28 and non-qualified stock options at an exercise price not less than 100% of the fair
 29 market value of the common stock on the date the option is granted (or 110%, in the
 30 case of an incentive stock option granted to any employee who owns stock
 31 representing more than 10% of the combined voting power of the Company or any
 32 parent or subsidiary of the Company). In the case of stock appreciation rights, the
 33 base appreciation amount shall not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the
 34 common stock on the date of grant. In the case of all other awards granted under the

2004 Plan, the exercise or purchase price shall be determined by the Administrator. The exercise or purchase price is generally payable in cash, check, shares of common stock or with respect to options, payment through a broker-dealer sale and remittance procedure.

27. Contrary to the foregoing public disclosures, the multi-year pattern of grant dates that were highly favorable to the option recipients demonstrates that the stock options were not, in fact, priced “on the date of grant” but were in fact backdated. In many instances, the annual grant dates were allegedly dated just before a sharp increase in the trading price of Sonic stock or at the bottom of a steep drop in the stock’s price.

28. Many companies make their stock option grants at the same time each year, a policy that eliminates the potential for backdating. By providing for predetermined dates for the granting of those options (and hence the date on which the exercise price would be set), the potential for backdating stock options issued to officers, directors and employees was eliminated.

29. In contrast, Sonic's stock option plans did not contain such safeguards. Hence, defendants retained unusual control over the grant dates and a procedure that increased the risk for backdating stock options granted to Sonic's executives. For example:

(a) On July 12, 2001, defendants dated many of Sonic's fiscal 2002 option grants to top executives at \$1.12 per share – the low of the month. Within five days, the stock closed at \$1.40 per share. Defendants Doris, Sauer and Leighton received 90,000, 90,000 and 40,000 options, respectively, at the \$1.12 exercise price.

(b) On March 11, 2003, defendants dated many of Sonic's fiscal 2003 option grants to top executives at \$3.97 per share – the low of the month. Within two weeks, the stock closed above \$5.00 per share. Defendant Leighton received 100,000 options at the \$3.97 exercise price. Notwithstanding the fact that this purported grant occurred after the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which requires that all such equity transactions be reported within two days, no Form 4 was timely filed for this purported grant date.

(c) Another post-Sarbanes-Oxley grant to Leighton was made as of May 10, 2004 at \$17.49 per share. This grant was made just as Sonic announced an agreement with Microsoft which pushed the price of Sonic stock to above \$19 per share within three days and to above \$21 per

1 share by the end of May 2004. Defendant Leighton received 100,000 options with the \$17.49
2 exercise price.

3 30. As a result of the backdating of stock options issued to Leighton and Sonic's other
4 top insiders, defendants have been unjustly enriched at the expense of Sonic, which has received and
5 will receive less money from defendants when they exercise their options at prices substantially
6 lower than they would have if the options had not been backdated. These windfall profits have made
7 defendant Leighton and his colleagues some of the best-paid executives in the digital media industry.

8 31. The practice of backdating stock options not only lines the pockets of Sonic's
9 directors and executives at the direct expense of the Company, which dollar for dollar receives less
10 money when the options are exercised, but also resulted in the overstatement of Sonic's publicly
11 reported financial results since at least 2001. This is because options priced below the stock's fair
12 market value when they are awarded bring the recipient an instant paper gain. Under accounting
13 rules, that is the equivalent of additional compensation and thus must be treated as a cost to the
14 Company. On information and belief, Sonic did not account for the amount by which the market
15 price of the Company's stock on the actual date the options were issued exceeded the exercise price
16 of the options, as expenses, and thus the defendants' conduct described herein may have caused
17 Sonic to materially overstate its publicly reported financial results.

18 32. Moreover, the description of Sonic's stock option plans were false and misleading, as
19 defendants' claims that the option grants were set at the fair market price on the day before the grant
20 date were repeated in SEC filings, including Sonic's proxy statements. In fact, Sonic's SEC filings
21 omitted that defendants had backdated options.

PRE-CLASS PERIOD STATEMENTS

23 33. On July 25, 2002, Sonic reported its first quarter results for fiscal 2002¹ in a release
24 which stated in part:

25 Sonic Solutions announced today results for the Company's first fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2002. Revenues for the quarter were \$7,384,000 compared to

¹ Sonic's fiscal year ends on March 31.

\$4,204,000 from the same period in the prior fiscal year. Operating income for the quarter was \$582,000, or \$0.03 per share, compared to an operating loss of \$1,642,000, or \$0.12 per share, in the same period of the prior fiscal year. (All operating income calculations are GAAP basis, and all per share calculations are fully diluted.)

"The first quarter marked significant progress for Sonic," said Bob Doris, Sonic's President. "We exceeded our financial targets with record revenues and a better than expected profit. We also addressed a key strategic objective to enter into the retail distribution channel by means of our new partnership with Adaptec. We believe that Sonic is on an excellent trajectory and look forward to the future with great enthusiasm."

34. On July 25, 2002, Sonic issued its proxy statement to its shareholders, stating with respect to options granted to executives that:

The exercise price is equal to the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant, as determined by reference to the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the Nasdaq National Market.

35. The proxy statement also included a summary compensation table which purported to describe the compensation to the top executives. The proxy stated:

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year Ended March 31,	Annual Compensation		Long-Term Compensation
		Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)(1)
Robert J. Doris President (Chief Executive Officer) and Director	2002	\$161,250	\$0	260,000
	2001	\$225,000	\$0	85,000
	2000	\$221,250	\$0	85,000
Mary C. Sauer Senior Vice President, Business Development, Secretary and Director	2002	\$ 89,250	\$0	170,000
	2001	\$127,875	\$0	40,000
	2000	\$112,675	\$0	40,000
Christopher A. Kryzan Senior Vice President, Engineering and Marketing	2002	\$187,000	\$40,132	70,000
	2001	\$187,000	\$38,917	48,000
	2000	\$185,500	\$45,031	25,000
A. Clay Leighton Senior Vice President Worldwide Operations, Finance and Chief Financial Officer	2002	\$151,600	\$15,000	250,000
	2001	\$180,000	\$15,000	50,000
	2000	\$176,250	\$15,000	65,000

(1) All figures in this column represent options to purchase the Company's Common Stock.

36. As described herein, the compensation in the table understated the compensation to executives which was caused by the backdating practices.

37. These statements were alive and uncorrected at the beginning of the Class Period.

FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS DURING THE CLASS PERIOD

38. On November 7, 2002, Sonic reported its second quarter results for fiscal 2002 in a release which stated in part:

Sonic Solutions announced today results for the Company's second fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2002. Revenues for the quarter were \$7,488,000 compared to \$3,974,000 from the same period in the prior fiscal year, an increase of 88%. Operating income for the quarter was \$726,000, or \$0.04 per share, compared to an operating loss of \$1,790,000, or \$0.13 per share, in the same period of the prior fiscal year. (All operating income calculations are GAAP basis, and all per share calculations are fully diluted.)

Revenues for the six months ended September 30, 2002 increased to \$14,872,000 compared to \$8,178,000, an increase of 82%, from the same period in the prior fiscal year. Operating income for the six months was \$1,308,000, or \$0.07 per share, compared [sic] an operating loss of \$3,432,000, or \$0.25 per share, in the same period of the prior fiscal year.

"We are pleased to have exceeded our financial targets again this quarter," said Bob Doris, Sonic's President and Chief Executive Officer. "During the quarter, we secured additional OEM wins with Sony, Memorex and TDK, adding to our extensive OEM partner penetration. We also increased our technology lead with the introduction of DVD PrePlay(TM), DVD-Audio Creator LE, DVD Producer(TM) Version 3.5, and ReelDVD(R) 3.0.1. These products allow consumers and professionals alike to access unparalleled features and functionality. Lastly, our introduction of AuthorScript(R) CE, a DVD formatting, recording and disc re-editing solution for consumer electronics (CE) manufacturers of set-top DVD recorders, will enhance our longer term prospects as DVD creation becomes the centerpiece of the consumer's digital lifestyle."

39. On January 30, 2003, Sonic reported its third quarter results for fiscal 2002 in a release which stated in part:

Record Revenues Drive Record Quarterly Profit; Sonic Reports EPS of \$0.06 per Share (GAAP basis) and \$0.12 per Share (Pro Forma)

Sonic Solutions announced today results for the Company's third fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2002.

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GAAP Presentation

On a GAAP basis, net revenue for the quarter was \$8,379,000 compared to \$4,120,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Operating income for the

1 quarter was \$1,147,000 and net income per diluted share was \$0.06 compared to an
 2 operating loss of \$1,343,000 and net loss per diluted share of \$0.10 for the same
 period of the prior fiscal year.

3 **Pro Forma Presentation**

4 During the quarter ended December 31, 2002, and as previously announced,
 5 Sonic Solutions closed the acquisition of VERITAS Software's Desktop Mobile
 6 Division ("DMD"). Sonic Solutions has introduced a pro forma presentation of its
 results which it plans to continue in future quarters for as long as such a presentation
 continues to be meaningful.

7 The pro forma presentation adjusts the following items:

8 Revenue – Under purchase accounting rules, OEM royalties received by
 9 Sonic on account of DMD's business may only be included in revenue if they reflect
 10 OEM shipments occurring after the date of the acquisition (December 18, 2002). The
 11 pro forma presentation includes in revenue royalties for which Sonic received reports
 of shipments from OEMs after December 18, 2002 for shipments prior to December
 18, 2002 and for which Sonic has invoiced the OEMs and expects to collect the
 amounts due in cash.

12 Acquisition Related Intangible Amortization – Under purchase accounting
 13 rules, some portion of the acquisition purchase price is allocated to intangibles, such
 14 as core and developed technology and customer relationships, which are then
 amortized over various periods of time. These non-cash charges are eliminated in the
 pro forma presentation in calculating operating income.

15 Business Integration Expenses – Certain charges that occur at or around the
 16 time of an acquisition, and that are not expected to recur, are considered to be one-
 17 time charges. The pro forma presentation eliminates any of these charges included in
 operating expense.

18 Under the pro forma presentation, net revenue for the quarter was \$9,479,000.
 19 Operating income for the quarter was \$2,477,000 and net income per diluted share
 20 was \$0.12.

21 "The third quarter was an eventful and exciting one for Sonic," said Bob
 22 Doris, Sonic's President. "We enjoyed a significant increase in revenues, which grew
 approximately 12% sequentially, and more than 100% year over year. The
 company's December operating profit (on a GAAP basis) increased by 58% over the
 September quarter. Growth in revenues and profits were due largely to higher
 23 shipments of our DVD creation software."

24 "During the quarter we announced and closed the acquisition of VERITAS
 25 Software's Desktop and Mobile Division. This new addition to the Sonic family
 permits us to expand our product offerings to consumers and most importantly to
 OEM customers. We are now busily engaged in integrating the DMD organization
 and product line with our own, and I'm happy to report that customer reaction to the
 acquisition has been very positive," concluded Doris.

26 40. On May 5, 2003, Sonic reported its results for the fourth fiscal quarter ended March
 27 31, 2003, in a release which stated in part:
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1 Record Revenues; Sonic Reports EPS of \$0.01 per Share (GAAP basis) and
 2 \$0.10 per Share (Non-GAAP basis) Exceeding Analyst Consensus

3 Sonic Solutions announced today results for the Company's fourth fiscal
 4 quarter ended March 31, 2003.

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6 "Fiscal 2003 was a pivotal year for Sonic Solutions," commented Bob Doris,
 7 Sonic's Chief Executive Officer and President. "Revenues increased 71% over fiscal
 8 2002, and the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 marked the fifth consecutive profitable
 9 quarter for the Company. Over the last year, Sonic completed two strategic
 10 acquisitions and entered the retail distribution channel, solidifying our position as the
 11 world's leading supplier of DVD creation software, and increasing our OEM and
 12 end-user consumer customer base. We also laid the foundation for entry of our
 13 technology into the consumer electronics venue. We believe that Sonic is on an
 14 excellent trajectory, and that FY 2004 will be a year of continued growth and
 15 profitability."

16 **GAAP Presentation**

17 As reported under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), net
 18 revenue for the quarter was \$9,467,000 compared to \$6,806,000 for the same period
 19 in the prior fiscal year. Operating income for the quarter was \$328,000 and net
 20 income per diluted share was \$0.01 compared to operating income of \$838,000 and
 21 net income per diluted share of \$0.04 for the same period of the prior fiscal year.

22 Net revenue for the fiscal year was \$32,718,000 compared to \$19,104,000 for
 23 the prior fiscal year. Operating income for the fiscal year was \$2,783,000 and net
 24 income per diluted share was \$0.13 compared to an operating loss of \$3,937,000 and
 25 net loss per diluted share of \$0.30 for the prior fiscal year.

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27 As previously announced, Sonic Solutions closed the acquisition of
 28 VERITAS Software's Desktop Mobile Division ("DMD") on December 18, 2002.
 During the December quarter Sonic Solutions introduced a non GAAP presentation
 of its results which it plans to continue in future quarters for as long as such a
 presentation continues to be meaningful.

29 The non GAAP presentation adjusts the following items:

30 Revenue – Under purchase accounting rules, OEM royalties received by
 31 Sonic on account of DMD's business may only be included in revenue if they reflect
 32 OEM shipments occurring after the date of the acquisition (December 18, 2002). The
 33 non GAAP presentation includes in revenue royalties for which Sonic received
 34 reports of shipments from OEMs after December 18, 2002 for shipments prior to
 35 December 18, 2002 and for which Sonic has invoiced the OEMs and expects to
 36 collect the amounts due in cash.

37 Acquisition Related Intangible Amortization – Under purchase accounting
 38 rules, some portion of the acquisition purchase price is allocated to intangibles, such
 39 as core and developed technology and customer relationships, which are then
 40 amortized over various periods of time. These non-cash charges are eliminated in the
 41 non GAAP presentation in calculating operating income.

Business Integration Expenses – Include certain charges that occur at or around the time of an acquisition. The non GAAP presentation eliminates any of these charges included in operating expense.

Under the non GAAP presentation, net revenue for the quarter was \$11,258,000. Operating income for the quarter was \$2,325,000 and net income per diluted share was \$0.10.

June Quarter and Full Fiscal 2004 Guidance

The following statements are based on current expectations. These statements are forward-looking, and actual results may differ materially.

For the full fiscal year 2004 (ending March 31, 2004), we are reaffirming our prior guidance and expect GAAP revenues to range from \$51 million to \$59 million, GAAP earnings per diluted share to range from \$0.47 to \$0.53 cents [sic] per share and non GAAP earnings per diluted share to range from \$0.51 to \$0.60 cents [sic] per share. For the first fiscal quarter of 2004 (ending June 30, 2003), we forecast that revenues will range from \$11.0 million to \$11.5 million, GAAP earnings per diluted share will range from \$0.06 to \$0.08 cents [sic] per share and non GAAP earnings per diluted share will range from \$0.07 to \$0.09 cents [sic] per share. The difference between the GAAP and non GAAP earnings relates to the amortization expense on acquired intangibles from our acquisitions which are deducted to calculate the GAAP earnings per diluted share.

41. On July 29, 2003, Sonic issued its proxy statement to shareholders, stating with respect to options granted to executives that:

The exercise is equal to the fair market value of Sonic's common stock on the date of grant, as determined by reference to the closing price of Sonic's common stock on the Nasdaq National Market.

42. The proxy also included a summary compensation table which purported to describe the compensation to the top executives. The proxy stated:

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

		Long-Term Compensation			
Name and Principal Position		Fiscal Year Ended March 31,	Annual Compensation		Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)(1)
Robert J. Doris	President (Chief Executive Officer) and Director	2003	\$198,750	\$ 0	170,000
		2002	\$161,250	\$ 0	260,000
		2001	\$225,000	\$ 0	85,000
Mary C. Sauer	Senior Vice President, Business Development, Secretary and Director	2003	\$135,750	\$ 0	80,000
		2002	\$ 89,250	\$ 0	170,000
		2001	\$127,875	\$ 0	40,000
Christopher A. Kryzan(2)	Senior Vice President, Engineering and Marketing	2003	\$187,000	\$ 63,934	0
		2002	\$187,000	\$ 40,132	70,000
		2001	\$187,000	\$ 38,917	48,000
A. Clay Leighton	Senior Vice President Worldwide Operations, Finance and Chief Financial Officer	2003	\$168,333	\$ 15,000	100,000
		2002	\$151,600	\$ 15,000	250,000
		2001	\$180,000	\$ 15,000	50,000

(1) All figures in this column represent options to purchase Sonic's common stock.

(2) Mr. Kryzan resigned as an executive officer of Sonic effective May 31, 2003. Mr. Kryzan acted as a consultant to Sonic through July 11, 2003 pursuant to an agreement dated May 31, 2003.

43. As described herein, the compensation in the table understated the compensation to executives which was caused by the backdating practices.

44. On July 30, 2003, Sonic issued a press release entitled "Sonic Solution Reports Results for First Fiscal Quarter Ended June 30, 2003; Record Quarter Revenue Drives Record Quarterly Profit." The press release stated in part:

Sonic Solutions announced today results for the Company's first fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2003.

Net revenue for the quarter was \$12,022,000 compared to \$7,384,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Operating income for the quarter was \$2,024,000 and net income per diluted share was \$0.08 compared to operating income of \$582,000 and net income per diluted share of \$0.03 for the same period of the prior fiscal year.

"We are very pleased by the momentum Sonic continues to generate with our OEM customers and technology partners, and the fact that it's now showing up strongly in our reported financial results," commented Bob Doris, Sonic's president. "In the June quarter Sonic generated the highest quarterly revenue, gross margin and net income in the history of the company. This is a great start to what we believe will be a very rewarding year for our shareholders."

1 45. After these results were issued, Sonic's stock increased from the \$8-\$9 per share
 2 range to above \$12 per share.

3 46. On October 30, 2003, Sonic issued its results for second fiscal quarter ended
 4 September 30, 2003, in a release which stated in part:

5 Sonic Solutions announced today results for the Company's second fiscal
 6 quarter ended September 30, 2003.

7 Net revenue for the quarter was \$12,695,000 compared to \$7,488,000 for the
 8 same period in the prior fiscal year. Operating income for the quarter was
 9 \$2,261,000 and net income per diluted share was \$0.08 compared to operating
 10 income of \$726,000 and net income per diluted share of \$0.04 for the same period of
 11 the prior fiscal year.

12 Net revenue for the six months ended September 30, 2003 was \$24,717,000
 13 compared to \$14,872,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Operating
 14 income for the six months was \$4,284,000 and net income per diluted share was
 15 \$0.16 compared to operating income of \$1,308,000 and net income per diluted share
 16 of \$0.07 for the same period of the prior fiscal year.

17 “Sonic’s revenues grew during the September quarter, as DVD recorder
 18 shipments continued to ramp and as our business expanded on several fronts,” noted
 19 Bob Doris, president & CEO of Sonic Solutions. “The company’s financial
 20 performance was excellent, on virtually all income statement and balance sheet
 21 metrics. We’re very much looking forward to the last two quarters of our 2004 fiscal
 22 year, when we expect that growth will accelerate, taking Sonic to new levels of
 23 performance.”

24 47. On February 3, 2004, Sonic issued a press release entitled “Sonic Solutions Reports
 25 Results for Third Fiscal Quarter Ended December 31, 2003,” which stated in part:

- 26 – Revenue increase drives record quarterly profitability
- 27 – Revenue of \$14.8 million, up 77% over prior year
- 28 – Net income of \$3.2 million or \$0.13 per share, up 197% over prior year

29 Sonic Solutions announced today results for the Company's third fiscal
 30 quarter ended December 31, 2003.

31 Net revenue for the quarter was \$14,834,000 compared to \$8,379,000 for the
 32 same period in the prior fiscal year. Operating income for the quarter was
 33 \$3,636,000 and net income per diluted share was \$0.13 compared to operating
 34 income of \$1,147,000 and net income per diluted share of \$0.06 for the same period
 35 of the prior fiscal year.

36 Net revenue for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 was \$39,551,000
 37 compared to \$23,251,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Operating
 38 income for the nine months was \$7,920,000 and net income per diluted share was

1 \$0.29 compared to operating income of \$2,456,000 and net income per diluted share
2 of \$0.13 for the same period of the prior fiscal year.

3 48. On May 4, 2004, Sonic issued a press release entitled "Sonic Solutions Reports
4 Record Results for Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2004; 10th Consecutive Quarter
5 of Increasing Revenues Drives All-Time Record Profits," which stated in part:

6 Sonic Solutions announced today the financial results for the Company's
7 fourth quarter and fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.

8 Net revenue for the quarter was \$17,302,000 compared to \$9,467,000 for the
9 same period in the prior fiscal year. Net income for the quarter was \$4,336,000 or
10 \$0.17 per diluted share compared to net income of \$145,000 or \$0.01 per diluted
11 share for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

12 Net revenue for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 was \$56,853,000
13 compared to \$32,718,000 for the prior fiscal year. Net income for the fiscal year was
14 \$11,084,000 or \$0.46 per diluted share compared to net income of \$2,537,000 or
15 \$0.13 per diluted share for the prior fiscal year.

16 49. On July 27, 2004, Sonic issued its proxy statement to shareholders, which concealed
17 that options had been granted at other than fair market value, with no corresponding compensation
18 expense recorded.

19 50. The proxy also included a summary compensation table which purported to describe
20 the compensation to the top executives. The proxy stated:

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SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year Ended March 31,	Annual Compensation		Number of Securities Underlying Options (b)(1)	Long-term Compensation
		Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)		
Robert J. Doris President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director	2004	\$225,000	\$ 0	170,000	
	2003	\$198,750	\$ 0	170,000	
	2002	\$161,250	\$ 0	260,000	
Mary C. Sauer Senior Vice President, Business Development, Secretary and Director	2004	\$155,925	\$ 0	80,000	
	2003	\$135,750	\$ 0	80,000	
	2002	\$ 89,250	\$ 0	170,000	
A. Clay Leighton Senior Vice President Worldwide Operations, Finance and Chief Financial Officer	2004	\$223,750	\$ 15,000	0	
	2003	\$168,333	\$ 15,000	100,000	
	2002	\$151,600	\$ 15,000	250,000	

(1) All figures in this column represent options to purchase Sonic's common stock.

51. As described herein, the compensation table understated the compensation to executives which was caused by the backdating practices.

52. On August 2, 2004, Sonic reported record results for first quarter ended June 30, 2004, in a release which stated in part:

Sonic Solutions announced today the financial results for the Company's first quarter ended June 30, 2004.

Net revenue for the quarter was \$17,909,000 compared to \$12,022,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Net income for the quarter was \$3,987,000 or \$0.16 per diluted share compared to net income of \$1,643,000 or \$ 0.08 per diluted share for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

53. On November 8, 2004, Sonic issued a press release entitled "Sonic Solutions Reports Results for Second Quarter Ended September 30, 2004; Quarterly Revenue Increases 37%; Quarterly Net Income Increases 88% Year Over Year," which stated in part:

Sonic Solutions announced today the financial results for the Company's second quarter ended September 30, 2004.

Net revenue for the quarter was \$17,437,000 compared to \$12,695,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Net income for the quarter was \$3,575,000 or \$0.14 per diluted share compared to net income of \$1,898,000 or \$0.08 per diluted share for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

1 Net revenue for the six months was \$35,346,000 compared to \$24,717,000
 2 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Net income for the six months was
 3 \$7,562,000 or \$0.29 per diluted share compared to net income of \$3,540,000 or
 4 \$0.16 per diluted share for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

54. On February 8, 2005, Sonic reported third quarter results for 2004 in a release which
 4 stated in part:

5 **Sonic Solutions Record Revenues and Strong Profitability (Non GAAP)**
 6 **Mark First Quarter Report Post Roxio Acquisition**

7 Sonic Solutions announced today the financial results for the Company's
 8 third quarter ended December 31, 2004.

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10 **Summary**

11 On a GAAP basis, net revenue for the quarter was \$19,677,000 compared to
 12 \$14,834,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Net loss for the quarter was
 13 \$419,000 or \$0.02 per diluted share compared to net income of \$3,208,000 or \$0.13
 14 per diluted share for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

15 On a GAAP basis, net revenue for the nine months was \$55,023,000
 16 compared to \$39,551,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Net income for
 17 the nine months was \$7,143,000 or \$0.25 per diluted share compared to net income
 18 of \$6,748,000 or \$0.27 per diluted share for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

19 On a Non GAAP basis, net revenue for the quarter was \$20,615,000 and net
 20 income was \$4,941,000 and net income per diluted share was \$0.18.

21 **Non GAAP Presentation**

22 During the quarter ended December 31, 2004, and as previously announced,
 23 Sonic Solutions acquired substantially all of the assets and liabilities of the Consumer
 24 Software Division of Roxio, Inc. . . .

25 The Non GAAP presentation adjusts the following items:

26 **Revenue** – Under purchase accounting rules, OEM royalties received by
 27 Sonic on account of Roxio's business may only be included in revenue if they reflect
 28 OEM shipments occurring after the date of the acquisition (December 17, 2004). The
 29 Non GAAP presentation includes in revenue royalties for which Sonic received
 30 reports of shipments from OEM's after December 17, 2004 for shipments prior to
 31 December 17, 2004 and for which Sonic has invoiced the OEMs and expects to
 32 collect the amounts due in cash. Sonic has also excluded in the Non GAAP
 33 presentation an end of life reserve related to some of the Roxio products.

24 **Acquisition Related Intangible Amortization** – Under purchase accounting
 25 rules, some portion of the acquisition purchase price is allocated to intangibles, such
 26 as core and developed technology and customer contracts, which are then amortized
 27 over various periods of time. The GAAP presentation includes amortization on all
 28 acquired intangibles. These non-cash charges are eliminated in the Non GAAP
 29 presentation in calculating operating income.

Acquired in-process Technology – In the GAAP presentation, the write-off of acquired in-process technology is included in operating expenses. This expense has been eliminated in the Non GAAP presentation.

Business Integration Expenses – Certain charges that occur at or around the time of an acquisition, and that are not expected to recur, are considered to be non-recurring charges. The Non GAAP presentation eliminates any of these charges included in operating expense.

55. On May 16, 2005, Sonic reported its fourth quarter results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005, in a release which stated in part:

Sonic Solutions ("Sonic") announced today its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

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On the basis of generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), net revenue for the quarter was \$35,604,000 compared to \$17,302,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Net income for the quarter was \$1,220,000, or \$0.05 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$4,336,000, or \$0.17 per diluted share, for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

On a GAAP basis, net revenue for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 was \$90,627,000 compared to \$56,853,000 for the prior fiscal year. Net income for the fiscal year was \$8,363,000, or \$0.32 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$11,084,000, or \$0.46 per diluted share, for the prior fiscal year.

On a non-GAAP basis, net revenue for the quarter was \$37,475,000, net income was \$7,505,000 and net income per diluted share was \$0.28.

Non-GAAP Presentation

During the quarter ended December 31, 2004, and as previously announced, Sonic acquired substantially all of the assets and liabilities of the Consumer Software Division of Roxio, Inc. . . .

The non-GAAP presentation adjusts the following items:

Revenue. Under purchase accounting rules, Original Equipment Manufacturer (“OEM”) royalties received by Sonic on account of Roxio’s business may be included in revenue only if they reflect OEM shipments occurring after the date of the acquisition (December 17, 2004). The non-GAAP presentation includes in revenue royalties for which Sonic received reports of shipments from OEMs after December 17, 2004 for shipments prior to December 17, 2004 and for which Sonic has invoiced the OEMs and expects to collect the amounts due in cash. Sonic has also excluded in the non-GAAP presentation an end of life reserve related to shipments of Easy Media Creator 7.0, which Sonic shipped to and invoiced distributors during the fourth quarter and expects to collect the amounts due in cash but was not able to record the revenue due to the pending launch of Easy Media Creator 7.5

Acquisition-Related Intangible Amortization. Under purchase accounting rules, some portion of the acquisition purchase price is allocated to intangibles, such

1 as core and developed technology and customer contracts, which are then amortized
 2 over various periods of time. The GAAP presentation includes amortization on all
 3 acquired intangibles. These non-cash charges are eliminated in the non-GAAP
 4 presentation in calculating operating income.

5 Easy Media Creator 7.5 Launch Expenses. After completion of the
 6 acquisition, Sonic immediately began preparations for a previously unplanned release
 7 of a new version of Easy Media Creator. The Roxio organization had been planning
 8 to release a new version of Easy Media Creator in the fall of 2005. Sonic
 9 management took this step because it believed that an early release of a new version
 10 of Easy Media Creator, incorporating some Sonic technology and identifiable
 11 branding, would accelerate integration of the Roxio business into Sonic both from a
 12 market as well as an internal organizational perspective. The incremental costs of this
 13 release, including the related end of life reserve discussed above, are included in the
 14 GAAP presentation and excluded in the non-GAAP presentation.

15 Third-Party Expenses Related to Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of
 16 2002 ("SOX"). The third-party expenses related to SOX compliance work for the
 17 2005 fiscal year are included in the GAAP presentation and excluded in the non-
 18 GAAP presentation. The expenses excluded in the non-GAAP presentation are
 19 primarily the fees paid to compliance consultants and to Sonic's external auditors for
 20 work in connection with Sonic's SOX compliance. As discussed further below, Sonic
 21 management believes that SOX compliance efforts were significantly complicated by
 22 the impact of the Roxio acquisition, including management's decision to migrate
 23 Sonic's accounting into systems that were acquired as part of the Roxio combination.
 24 Hence, Sonic management believes the level of SOX expenses is extraordinary and is
 25 unlikely to recur in future periods.

26 Business Integration Expenses. Certain charges that occurred at or around the
 27 time of an acquisition, and that are not expected to recur, are considered to be non-
 28 recurring charges. The non-GAAP presentation eliminates these charges included in
 1 operating expense.

2 Guidance

3 For its fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2005, Sonic anticipates GAAP revenues
 4 to be in the range of \$32 million to \$34 million and GAAP fully diluted earnings to
 5 be between \$0.13 and \$0.15 per share.

6 Sonic is maintaining our prior fiscal year 2006 guidance, for its fiscal year
 7 ending March 31, 2006, Sonic anticipates GAAP revenues to be in the range of \$155
 8 million to \$165 million and GAAP fully diluted earnings to be between \$1.20 and
 9 \$1.30 per share.

10 SOX Compliance

11 The SEC's rules implementing Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of
 12 2002 require Sonic management to assess the effectiveness of its internal control
 13 over financial reporting annually, and to include in Sonic's Annual Report on Form
 14 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 and subsequent years a management
 15 report on that assessment, together with an opinion thereon by Sonic's independent
 16 registered public accounting firm. Sonic expects to comply with these disclosure
 17 requirements on a timely basis. Management is in the process of reviewing internal
 18 control systems and, in connection with this evaluation, has identified certain
 19 deficiencies. Although none of these deficiencies have been identified as a significant

1 deficiency or material weakness at this time, the evaluation of internal control over
 2 financial reporting is not yet complete and there can be no assurance that, as a result
 3 of the ongoing evaluation, additional deficiencies will not be identified or that any
 4 deficiencies identified, either alone or in combination with others, will not be
 5 considered a significant deficiency or a material weakness. Although certain
 6 remediation efforts have been undertaken, any deficiency or weakness will not be
 7 considered effectively remediated until new internal controls are operational for a
 8 period of time and are tested, and management and Sonic's independent registered
 9 public accounting firm conclude that these controls are operating effectively. As a
 10 result of the recent Roxio acquisition, management has actively been working to
 11 integrate the operations of the acquired business, particularly with respect to
 12 accounting, accounting systems and financial reporting. In part due to these
 13 acquisition and integration efforts, many of Sonic's processes and procedures in these
 14 areas have been recently restructured, and the evaluations relate to the restructured
 15 process and procedures. Due to the nature of and the time necessary to effectively
 16 remediate and test each of the deficiencies identified to date, Sonic expects to
 17 conclude that some of the deficiencies identified to date had not been effectively
 18 remediated as of March 31, 2005.

19 At this time, management does not believe that the results of its evaluation of
 20 internal control over financial reporting will preclude an unqualified opinion from
 21 Sonic's auditor with respect to the annual financial statements; however, there can be
 22 no assurance that the results of such evaluation will not cause an adjustment to the
 23 financial statements to be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

24 Further, while at this time Sonic has completed a review with its independent
 25 auditors of the financial statements presented in this press release, the dependency of
 26 the evaluation of internal controls mentioned above, as well as lack of completion of
 27 all financial audit test procedures means that the presentation contained in this press
 28 release is unaudited and subject to further change prior to the filing of Sonic's
 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

29 56. On August 15, 2005, Sonic reported results for first quarter ended June 30, 2005, in a
 30 release which stated in part:

31 Sonic Solutions ("Sonic") announced today the financial results for its first
 32 fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2005.

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34 On the basis of generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), net
 35 revenue for the quarter was \$35,519,000 compared to \$17,909,000 for the same
 36 period in the prior fiscal year. Net income for the quarter was \$4,013,000, or \$0.15
 37 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$3,987,000, or \$0.16 per diluted share,
 38 for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

39 On a non-GAAP basis, net revenue for the quarter was \$35,519,000, net
 40 income was \$5,073,000 and net income per diluted share was \$0.18.

41 Non-GAAP Presentation

42 In this press release, Sonic provides certain adjustments to financial
 43 information calculated on the basis of GAAP as supplemental information relating to
 44 its results of operations. These non-GAAP financial measures include non-GAAP net

1 income, diluted earnings per share, and gross profit and margin figures, which
 2 exclude certain expense items associated with, among other things, the acquisition of
 3 the assets and liabilities of the Consumer Software Division of Roxio, Inc., each as
 4 more fully described below. The non-GAAP financial measures also exclude the
 5 third party costs incurred by Sonic in the first quarter in connection with Sonic's
 6 implementation of the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (see
 7 "SOX Compliance" below). Management believes that this non-GAAP presentation
 8 allows investors to better understand the operating results of Sonic for the quarter
 9 ended June 30, 2005 because this presentation excludes non-recurring acquisition-
 10 related charges and other non-recurring expenses, and provides insight into how
 11 management evaluates operating results. In addition, Sonic has reported similar non-
 12 GAAP results in the past and believes the inclusion of this non-GAAP presentation
 13 provides consistency in its financial reporting. However, these non-GAAP measures
 14 should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial
 15 information presented in compliance with GAAP, and other companies may use
 16 different non-GAAP measures and presentations of results.

17 The non-GAAP presentation adjusts the following items:

18 Acquisition-Related Intangible Amortization. Under purchase accounting
 19 rules, some portion of the acquisition purchase price is allocated to intangibles, such
 20 as core and developed technology and customer contracts, which are then amortized
 21 over various periods of time. The GAAP presentation includes amortization on all
 22 acquired intangibles. These non-cash charges are eliminated in the non-GAAP
 23 presentation in calculating operating income.

24 Acquired Patents. During the quarter ended on June 30, 2005, Sonic sold
 25 certain patents that had been acquired as part of the Roxio acquisition. In connection
 26 with that sale, the value ascribed to the cost of the patents, in the amount of
 27 \$1,169,000, was included in cost of revenue in the GAAP presentation. This charge
 28 is eliminated in the non-GAAP presentation, as it is a non-cash charge that obscures
 the cash profit derived from the transactions.

29 Third-Party Expenses Related to Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of
 30 2002 ("SOX"). Certain third-party expenses related to SOX compliance work for the
 31 2005 fiscal year, which were billed and accrued for during the first quarter of the
 32 2006 fiscal year, are included in the GAAP presentation and excluded in the non-
 33 GAAP presentation. The expenses excluded in the non-GAAP presentation are
 34 primarily the fees paid to compliance consultants and to Sonic's external auditors for
 35 work in connection with Sonic's SOX compliance. Sonic management believes that
 36 SOX compliance efforts were significantly complicated by the impact of the Roxio
 37 acquisition, including management's decision to migrate Sonic's accounting into
 38 systems that were acquired as part of the Roxio combination. Sonic management
 39 believes the level of SOX expenses is extraordinary, is unlikely to recur in future
 40 periods, and in any event relates entirely to work performed relative to the fiscal
 41 2005 audit. Hence, it is excluded from the non-GAAP presentation.

42 Business Integration Expenses. Certain charges that occurred in connection
 43 with the Roxio acquisition, and that are not expected to recur, are considered to be
 44 non-recurring charges. The non-GAAP presentation eliminates these charges
 45 included in operating expense.

46 57. On October 24, 2005, Sonic issued its proxy statement to shareholders, which
 47 concealed the past improprieties with respect to options and also stated in part:

1 The exercise price is equal to the fair market value of Sonic's common stock
 2 on the date of grant, as determined by reference to the closing price of Sonic's
 3 common stock on the Nasdaq National Market.

4 58. On November 8, 2005, Sonic reported second quarter 2005 results in a release which
 5 stated in part:

6 Sonic Solutions announced today the financial results for its second quarter
 7 ended September 30, 2005.

8 Net revenue for the quarter was \$31,948,000 compared to \$17,437,000 for the
 9 same period in the prior fiscal year. Net income for the quarter was \$3,102,000 or
 10 \$0.11 per diluted share compared to net income of \$3,575,000 or \$0.14 per diluted
 11 share for the same period in the prior fiscal year.

12 Net revenue for the six month period ended September 30, 2005 was
 13 \$67,467,000 compared to \$35,346,000 for the same period in the prior fiscal year.
 14 Net income for this six month period was \$7,115,000 or \$0.26 per diluted share
 15 compared to net income of \$7,562,000 or \$0.29 per diluted share for the same period
 16 in the prior fiscal year.

17 59. On February 8, 2006, Sonic issued a press release entitled "Sonic Solutions Reports
 18 Results for Third Quarter Ended December 31, 2005; Sonic Solutions Reports Record Revenues and
 19 Profits for its Fiscal Third Quarter," which stated in part:

20 Sonic Solutions today announced its financial results for the third quarter of
 21 fiscal 2006. Quarterly revenues were a record \$40.8 million, up 28% from \$31.9
 22 million in the second fiscal quarter of the year, and up more than 100% from \$19.7
 23 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2005.

24 Operating income for the third quarter of fiscal 2006 was \$9.3 million or
 25 22.8% of revenue compared to \$3.2 million or 10.1% of revenue for the second
 26 quarter of fiscal 2006 and an operating loss of \$0.7 million or 3.7% for the third
 27 quarter of fiscal 2005. Net income grew to \$8.2 million or \$0.30 per share in the third
 28 quarter of fiscal 2006 versus \$3.1 million or \$0.11 per share in the second quarter of
 29 fiscal 2006 and net loss of \$419,000 or \$0.02 per share in the third quarter of fiscal
 30 2005.

31 Dave Habiger, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sonic, stated, "We
 32 are pleased with the Company's results this quarter as we celebrated the one year
 33 anniversary of the Roxio acquisition. We have begun to reap the rewards of our
 34 investment and continue to see tremendous opportunity from the integration of Sonic
 35 and Roxio. We are well positioned as the leading digital media software provider for
 36 next-generation high definition formats and channels."

37 60. On May 23, 2006, Sonic issued a press release entitled "Sonic Solutions Reports
 38 Results for Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2006; Sonic Reports Record Revenues
 39 and Profits for Its Full Fiscal Year." The press release stated in part:

Sonic Solutions today announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended March 31, 2006.

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For the fiscal year, net revenue, gross profit and operating profit all reached record levels. Net revenue grew 64% in fiscal 2006 to \$148.7 million from \$90.6 million in fiscal 2005. Gross profit climbed 51% to \$114.6 million compared to \$75.9 million in fiscal 2005. Operating income rose 155% to \$24.0 million, from \$9.4 million in fiscal 2005. Net income for fiscal 2006 was a record \$19.3 million or \$0.70 per diluted share versus \$8.5 million or \$0.32 per diluted share in fiscal 2005.

For the quarter, net revenue was \$40.4 million, reflecting an increase of more than 13% from \$35.6 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005. Gross profit was \$32.7 million compared to \$27.8 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005, representing an increase of 18%. Operating income was \$9.3 million or 23% of revenue compared to \$2.1 million or 6% of revenue for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005. Net income was \$2.1 million or \$0.08 per share in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 including an unusually high provision for income taxes. The non-GAAP presentation below is calculated based upon the same effective income tax rate (7.4%) as we used in our fiscal fourth quarter guidance. As a result, non-GAAP net income for the quarter was \$8.5 million and net income per diluted share on a non-GAAP basis was \$0.31.

Dave Habiger, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sonic, stated, "We are very pleased with the Company's performance this quarter and for the fiscal year, as we met or exceeded all of our operating goals. We expanded our technology and OEM partnerships, which continued to drive all areas of our business. As new formats and channels such as HD and download and burn, emerge and develop, we believe Sonic is well positioned to continue to lead the market for digital media software."

61. On February 1, 2007, Sonic issued a press release entitled "Sonic Announces Voluntary Review of Stock Option Accounting." The press release stated in part:

Sonic Solutions, the world leader in digital media software, announced today that it has commenced a voluntary review of its historical and current stock option grant practices and related accounting. The review was initiated by management and is being conducted by the audit committee of the board of directors, comprised solely of independent directors, with the assistance of independent legal counsel. The audit committee and Company management have been discussing this ongoing review with the Company's independent auditors and have voluntarily informed the Securities and Exchange Commission of the review.

Based on the review to date, the audit committee and Company management have preliminarily concluded that, under applicable accounting guidance, the Company lacks sufficient documentation for certain historical option grants and that the measurement dates associated with these option grants may need to be adjusted. Based also on this review, the Company believes that its current options granting practices are generally acceptable and meet relevant standards for properly documenting grant dates.

The audit committee continues to analyze the impact of this issue, but believes it will result in significant non-cash charges. These charges will principally

1 affect prior fiscal years, and the Company believes that the accounting adjustments
 2 will not have any impact on previously reported cash positions or revenues. The
 3 Company has not yet determined the amount or materiality of any such non-cash
 4 charges, any resulting cash charges associated with tax issues, or accounting or other
 5 consequences. Although the timeframe for completing the review is uncertain, the
 6 Company continues to be focused on completing this review in a timely manner.
 7 Based on the preliminary conclusions of the review, the audit committee and
 8 management believe that the Company will need to restate its previously issued
 9 financial statements in order to record additional non-cash charges for stock-based
 10 compensation expense. However, given that the audit committee review is still
 11 ongoing, the audit committee has not yet determined which years or periods will
 12 need to be restated.

13 Accordingly, the audit committee, after consultation with management and
 14 the Company's board of directors, determined that the Company's annual and interim
 15 financial statements should no longer be relied upon. Given these circumstances, the
 16 Company expects that it will not be in a position to file its Quarterly Report on Form
 17 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2006 in a timely manner. The Company
 18 plans to become current in its periodic reports required under the Securities
 19 Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as practicable following the completion
 20 of the audit committee's review and any required restatement of the Company's
 21 financial statements.

22 62. On February 15, 2007, Sonic issued selected financial results for its third quarter
 23 2006, in a release which stated in part:

24 Sonic Solutions today announced the following selected preliminary unaudited
 25 financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2006.

26 Selected Preliminary Financial Results

27 Net revenue for the quarter was \$39,120,000. Cost of revenue, excluding any
 28 stock based compensation costs, was \$8,838,000. Included in cost of revenue is
 1 \$1,236,000 of expense related to the amortization of acquired intangibles. Marketing
 2 and sales expenses, excluding any stock based compensation costs, were \$8,003,000.
 3 Research and development expenses, excluding any stock based compensation costs,
 4 were \$10,875,000. General and administrative expenses, excluding any stock based
 5 compensation costs, were \$4,788,000. Sonic recorded a \$3,400,000 charge for
 6 acquired in-process research and development, on a preliminary basis, related to the
 7 November 2006 acquisition of System OK AB, a private Swedish software concern.
 8 Other income (net of other expenses) was \$311,000. For the quarter ended December
 9 31, 2006, the number of shares outstanding on a fully diluted basis was
 10 approximately 27,500,000.

11 As of December 31, 2006, Sonic had cash and cash equivalents of
 12 \$22,543,000 and short term investments of \$33,450,000. Bank debt at December 31,
 13 2006 was \$20,000,000. During the quarter and as part of the acquisition of System
 14 OK, Sonic paid \$7,920,000 to System OK's shareholders.

15 Guidance

16 In addition, Sonic announced the following guidance:

1 For the fourth fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2007, management anticipates
 2 net revenue, on a GAAP basis, will be between \$37 million and \$41 million. Cost of
 3 revenue, as a percentage of net revenue and excluding expenses related to the
 4 amortization of intangibles and stock based compensation, is estimated to be 18%.
 5 Operating expenses, excluding stock based compensation and any costs associated
 6 with Sonic's options review, are estimated to be \$24 million. Other income (net of
 7 other expenses) is estimated to be \$350,000. The number of shares outstanding on a
 8 fully diluted basis is estimated to be 27.5 million.

9
 10 For Sonic's Roxio Division, during fiscal year 2008, management expects net
 11 revenue in the bricks and mortar retail business channel to be roughly flat compared
 12 to fiscal 2007, OEM business channel net revenue to grow by 10-15%, and direct
 13 online sales growth of more than 25%. Sonic's management further expects
 14 Advanced Technology Group revenues to grow by more than 25% over fiscal 2007.
 15 Sonic will forecast relatively flat revenue for its Professional Products Group until
 16 the Company sees clear evidence of Hollywood's commitment to volume title
 17 production in high-definition formats.

18 Options Review

19 The Company's selected preliminary results and guidance may be adjusted as
 20 a result of possible restatement of historical results. As previously announced on
 21 February 1, 2007, Sonic has commenced a voluntary review of its historical and
 22 current stock option grant practices and related accounting. Based on the review, the
 23 audit committee and Sonic management have preliminarily concluded that, under
 24 applicable accounting guidance, Sonic lacks sufficient documentation for certain
 25 historical option grants and that the measurement dates associated with these option
 26 grants will need to be adjusted. Further, as previously announced, the audit
 27 committee, after consultation with management and the Company's board of
 28 directors, has determined that the Company's annual and interim financial statements
 may no longer be relied upon.

29 *Sonic believes it will have to record additional non-cash charges for stock-
 30 based compensation expense and restate previous financial statements, and that
 31 such charges will be material.* Sonic is not yet able to determine the amount of such
 32 charges or the resulting tax and accounting impact of these actions. Sonic intends to
 33 file its restated financial results and related periodic reports as quickly as possible.

34 63. In the days following this announcement, Sonic's stock began a steady decline from
 35 \$18.03 per share on February 1, 2007, to \$14.70 per share on February 16, 2007, as the stock option
 36 backdating scandal flourished in the media and Sonic's situation came into focus. However, Sonic's
 37 stock continued to trade at artificially inflated levels as the Company concealed its problems with
 38 backdating and with its earnings forecasts.

39 64. Then, on May 17, 2007, after the market closed, Sonic issued selected financial
 40 results for its fourth quarter 2007, in a release which stated in part:

41 65 Sonic Solutions today announced the following selected preliminary unaudited
 42 financial results for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2007.

Selected Preliminary Financial Results

Net revenue for the quarter was \$38.1 million. Cost of revenue, excluding any stock-based compensation costs, was \$9.0 million. Included in cost of revenue is \$1.4 million of expense related to the amortization of acquired intangibles. Marketing and sales expenses, excluding any stock-based compensation costs, were \$8.6 million. Research and development expenses, excluding any stock-based compensation costs, were \$11.7 million. General and administrative expenses, excluding any stock-based compensation costs, were \$4.9 million, of which \$0.6 million represented legal and professional expenses associated with the stock option review. Other income (net of other expenses) was \$0.2 million. For the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the number of shares outstanding on a fully diluted basis was approximately 27.5 million.

As of March 31, 2007, Sonic had cash and cash equivalents of \$17.1 million and short term investments of \$47.3 million. Bank debt at March 31, 2007 was \$20.0 million.

Guidance

For the first fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2007, the Company's management anticipates net revenue, on a GAAP basis, will be between \$33 million and \$35 million. Cost of revenue, as a percentage of net revenue and excluding expenses related to the amortization of intangibles and stock-based compensation, is estimated to be 19%. Operating expenses, excluding stock-based compensation costs and any one-time charges associated with the Company's option review, are estimated to be \$25 million.

Options Review

The Company's selected preliminary results and guidance may be adjusted as a result of the expected restatement of historical results. As previously announced on February 1, 2007, Sonic has commenced a voluntary review of its historical and current stock option grant practices and related accounting. Based on the review, the audit committee and Sonic management have concluded that, under applicable accounting guidance, Sonic lacks sufficient documentation for certain historical option grants and that the measurement dates associated with these option grants will need to be adjusted. Further, as previously announced, the audit committee, after consultation with management and the Company's board of directors, has determined that the Company's annual and interim financial statements may no longer be relied upon.

Sonic believes it will have to record additional cash and non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense and restate previous financial statements, and that such charges will be material. Sonic is not yet able to determine the amount of such charges or the resulting tax and accounting impact of these actions. Sonic intends to file its restated financial results and related periodic reports as quickly as possible.

65. On this news, Sonic's stock collapsed from \$13.37 per share to \$12.08 per share on volume of 1.8 million shares.

66. In fact, during the Class Period, Sonic's public representations were materially false and misleading due to defendants' concealment of the following adverse facts:

4 (b) Defendants' stock option practices would lead to government investigations,
5 potential IRS penalties and earnings restatements.

6 67. The table below summarizes defendants' insider trading during the Class Period:

DEFENDANT	DATE OF SALES	SHARES SOLD	PROCEEDS
DORIS/SAUER	8/22/02-1/8/07	1,031,000	\$17,672,635
LEIGHTON	8/20/02 – 8/25/05	301,000	\$4,784,100
ELY	9/5/06	28,071	\$428,083
TOTAL		1,360,071	\$22,884,818

LOSS CAUSATION/ECONOMIC LOSS

13 68. By misrepresenting its business, the defendants presented a misleading picture of
14 Sonic's prospects. Thus, instead of truthfully disclosing during the Class Period that Sonic's
15 business was not as healthy as represented, defendants falsely misrepresented Sonic's business as
"well positioned" for increased growth and concealed their stock option manipulations.

18 70. Defendants' false and misleading statements had the intended effect and caused Sonic
19 stock to trade at artificially inflated levels throughout the Class Period, reaching as high as \$23.67
20 per share.

21 71. On February 1, 2007, Sonic reported an internal investigation into its stock option
22 practices.

24 72. Later, on May 17, 2007, Sonic announced insufficient documentation for certain
historical option grants, which resulted in a huge shortfall on earnings.

26 73. As a direct result of the public revelations regarding the truth about Sonic's
27 overstatement of income and its actual business prospects going forward, Sonic's stock price
28 plummeted 33%, closing at \$12.08 per share on May 18, 2007, down from above \$18 per share when

1 the options issue was first disclosed. This drop removed the inflation from Sonic's stock price,
 2 causing real economic loss to investors who had purchased the stock during the Class Period.

3 **COUNT I**

4 **For Violations of §10(b)
 and Rule 10b-5 of the Exchange Act**

5 74. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth
 6 above as though fully set forth herein.

7 75. At all relevant times, defendants individually and in concert, directly and indirectly,
 8 by the use and means of instrumentalities of interstate commerce and/or of the mails, engaged and
 9 participated in a continuous course of conduct designed to divert hundreds of millions of dollars to
 10 defendants via improper option grants.

11 76. Defendants employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud while in possession of
 12 material, adverse non-public information and engaged in acts, practices and a course of conduct that
 13 included the making of, or participation in the making of, untrue and/or misleading statements of
 14 material facts and/or omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made
 15 about Sonic not misleading.

16 77. Defendants, as top executive officers and directors of the Company, are liable as
 17 direct participants in the wrongs complained of herein. Through their positions of control and
 18 authority as officers of the Company, each of the defendants was able to and did control the conduct
 19 complained of herein and the content of the public statements disseminated by Sonic.

20 78. At all relevant times, defendants acted with scienter, in that they either had actual
 21 knowledge of the misrepresentations and/or omissions of material facts set forth herein, or acted with
 22 reckless disregard for the truth in that they failed to ascertain and disclose the true facts, even though
 23 such facts were available to them. Defendants were the senior management of the Company, and
 24 were therefore directly responsible for the false and misleading statements and/or omissions
 25 disseminated to the public through press releases, news reports and filings with the SEC.

26 79. Each of the defendants participated in a scheme to defraud with the purpose and
 27 effect of defrauding plaintiff and others similarly situated.

80. As a result, defendants are liable for damages that have been sustained by plaintiff and the Class in connection with their purchase of Sonic common stock during the Class Period.

COUNT II

For Violations of §14(a) of the Exchange Act

81. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein.

7 82. Rule 14a-9, promulgated under §14(a) of the Exchange Act, provides that no proxy
8 statement shall contain “any statement which, at the time and in the light of the circumstances under
9 which it is made, is false or misleading with respect to any material fact, or which omits to state any
10 material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not false or misleading.” 17 C.F.R.
11 §240.14a-9.

12 83. Sonic's proxy statements violated §14(a) and Rule 14a-9 because they omitted
13 material facts, including the fact that defendants were causing Sonic to engage in an option
14 backdating scheme, a fact which defendants were aware of and participated in.

15 84. In the exercise of good faith and reasonable care, defendants should have known that
16 Sonic's proxy statements were materially false and misleading.

17 85. The misrepresentations and omissions in the proxy statements were material to
18 plaintiff and Sonic shareholders in voting on each proxy statement. The proxy statements were an
19 essential link in the accomplishment of the continuation of defendants' unlawful stock option
20 backdating scheme, as revelations of the truth would have immediately thwarted a continuation of
21 shareholders' endorsement of the directors' positions, the executive officers' compensation and the
22 Company's compensation policies.

23 86. As a result, defendants are liable for damages that have been sustained by plaintiff
24 and the Class.

COUNT III

For Violations of §20(a) of the Exchange Act

27 87. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth
28 above as though fully set forth herein.

1 88. The Individual Defendants, by virtue of their positions with Sonic and their specific
2 acts, were, at the time of the wrongs alleged herein, controlling persons of Sonic within the meaning
3 of §20(a) of the Exchange Act. They had the power and influence and exercised the same to cause
4 Sonic to engage in the illegal conduct and practices complained of herein. Sonic controlled its
5 officers and employees.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

7 89. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules
8 of Civil Procedure on behalf of all persons who purchased Sonic common stock on the open market
9 during the Class Period (the “Class”). Excluded from the Class are defendants.

10 90. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is
11 impracticable. The disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to
12 the parties and the Court. Sonic has more than 26 million shares of stock outstanding, owned by
13 hundreds if not thousands of persons.

14 91. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact
15 involved in this case. Questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class which
16 predominate over questions which may affect individual Class members include:

17 (a) whether the Exchange Act was violated by defendants;
18 (b) whether defendants omitted and/or misrepresented material facts;
19 (c) whether defendants' statements omitted material facts necessary to make the
20 statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
21 (d) whether defendants knew or deliberately disregarded that their statements
22 were false and misleading;
23 (e) whether the price of Sonic's common stock was artificially inflated; and
24 (f) the extent of damage sustained by Class members and the appropriate measure
25 of damages.

26 92. Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Class because plaintiff and the Class
27 sustained damages from defendants' wrongful conduct.

1 93. Plaintiff will adequately protect the interests of the Class and has retained counsel
2 who are experienced in class action securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests which conflict
3 with those of the Class.

4 94. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient
5 adjudication of this controversy.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

7 WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

8 A. Declaring this action to be a proper class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23;
9 B. Awarding plaintiff and the members of the Class damages, interest and costs;
10 C. Awarding plaintiff reasonable costs and attorneys' fees; and
11 D. Awarding such equitable/injunctive or other relief as the Court may deem just and
12 proper.

JURY DEMAND

14 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

15 | DATED: October 4, 2007

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CERTIFICATION OF INTERESTED ENTITIES OR PERSONS

2 Pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-16, the undersigned certifies that as of this date, other than the
3 named parties, there is no such interest to report. *[Signature]*

**ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR PLAINTIFF
CITY OF WESTLAND POLICE AND FIRE
RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

DR

**CERTIFICATION OF NAMED PLAINTIFF
PURSUANT TO FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

CITY OF WESTLAND POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
("Plaintiff") declares:

1. Plaintiff has reviewed a complaint and authorized its filing.
2. Plaintiff did not acquire the security that is the subject of this action at the direction of plaintiff's counsel or in order to participate in this private action or any other litigation under the federal securities laws.
3. Plaintiff is willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of the class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary.
4. Plaintiff has made the following transaction(s) during the Class Period in the securities that are the subject of this action:

<u>Security</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Price Per Share</u>
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See attached Schedule A.

5. Plaintiff has not sought to serve or served as a representative party for a class in an action filed under the federal securities laws except as detailed below during the three years prior to the date of this Certification:

In re Open Joint Stock Company "Vimpel-Comm" Sec. Litig., No. 04-CV-9742 (S.D.N.Y.)
In re Williams Sec. Litig., No. 02-CV-72-11(M) (N.D. Okla.)
Garber v. Legg Mason, Inc., et al., No. 1:06-cv-09436-PKC (S.D.N.Y.)

6. The Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the class beyond the Plaintiff's pro rata share of any recovery.

except such reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class as ordered or approved by the court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed this 2nd day of August, 2007.

CITY OF WESTLAND POLICE AND
FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

By: Robert G. Rincon

Its: TRUSTEE

SCHEDULE A
SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

Acquisitions

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Type/Amount of Securities Acquired</u>	<u>Price</u>
10/29/2003	2,300	\$19.22
01/26/2004	7,300	\$21.76
02/19/2004	1,900	\$20.77
02/10/2005	4,200	\$20.11
04/05/2006	1,000	\$18.19
05/15/2006	1,100	\$16.74
05/19/2006	650	\$16.31
06/20/2006	610	\$14.45
11/14/2006	915	\$15.03
11/21/2006	1,085	\$15.24

Sales

<u>Date Sold</u>	<u>Type/Amount of Securities Sold</u>	<u>Price</u>
11/04/2003	400	\$17.69
11/04/2003	400	\$17.68
11/04/2003	500	\$17.71
11/04/2003	1,000	\$17.72
03/11/2004	7,300	\$18.03
07/01/2004	1,900	\$20.51
10/04/2006	760	\$14.49
12/07/2006	1,730	\$15.82
02/02/2007	595	\$17.25
04/19/2007	1,000	\$14.47